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23.	Pune**	—	6873
24.	Srinagar	—	549
25.	Thane	—	—
26.	Trichy	32906	32665
27.	Trivandrum	535	—
28.	Vishakhapatnam	—	—

*An Application is considered pending only when it is accurately completed without any objection and where a police clearance has been received but on which a passport has not been issued by a Passport Office within five weeks of the application being filed.

#Pending as on 30 November, 1999.

**From opening (June 1999) of passport office up to 15 November, 1999.

Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

State welcome to Pope

†1573. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government extended an offical invitation to the Christian priest Pope to visit India;

(b) if not, whether it was his personal visit;

(c) if not, the reasons for extending State welcome to him; and

(d) the details of extending State welcome to the other heads of State of the world during last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (c) The invitation was to His Holiness Pope John Paul II as the Head of State of the Vatican.

(d) Heads of State and Government, when on a State Visit, are always accorded a ceremonial welcome in accordance with the established Protocol traditions of the Government of India.

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